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Dear Kevin McBride, National Coordinator  
Dear Members of the National Board  
Dear members and friends of Pax Christi Aotearoa/New Zealand

Congratulations to Pax Christi Aotearoa/New Zealand on your 20th anniversary! We send you warm greetings from Pax Christi International and prayers for continued courage and persistence in your important work for peace and reconciliation.

We are enormously thankful for your creative work and faithful witness to the Gospel of peace. Your long-term commitment to active nonviolence; to peace spirituality that includes Maori spirituality; and to respectful intercultural work inspire and give hope to our global movement.

Your accompaniment over the years of vulnerable communities, particularly in East Timor, West Papua and elsewhere in Asia and the Pacific has helped all of us in Pax Christi International live our mission for peace and reconciliation, for human rights and social justice, more fully.

Your work for nuclear disarmament has made an important contribution to international efforts to rid the world of weapons of mass destruction. These and so many other outstanding contributions of your section to a more peaceful and just world give us all good reason to celebrate even as we mourn with you the death of your dear colleague, Richard Archer.

May you know many blessings in the coming years. Again, congratulations on this important milestone!

Peace,

Marie Dennis  
Co-President

+ Kevin Dowling, C.S.S.R.  
Co-President

José Henríquez  
Secretary General